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ALABAMA PRESERVATIONISTS RECEIVE STATEWIDE AWARDS

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

James Willoughby Fuller, Montgomery

Dr. Mildred Caudle and the City of Athens

Redstone Arsenal Cultural Resources Management Program, Huntsville

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION ROY SWAYZE AWARD

The Inzer House Museum Board, Inc., Ashville

BLACK HERITAGE COUNCIL IDELLA CHILDS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dora Finley

The Alabama Historical Commission honored preservationists at its annual awards presentation on Friday, October 10, during the Alabama Preservation Conference.

The annual awards presentation was held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama, according to Frank W. White, Executive Director of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Congressman Jo Bonner officiated at the ceremony.

James Willoughby Fuller, of Montgomery received the Alabama Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award for his role in the rescue and restoration of Montgomery's 1837 Figh-Picket House and for a lifetime of preservation efforts in the city.

Dr. Mildred Caudle and the City of Athens were honored with a Distinguished Service Award for the restoration of a modest but handsome 1930s gas station and café threatened with demolition. Athens preservationists credit this project with reviving interest in preserving the city's rich legacy of historic buildings.

Constructed during the Great Depression, the Park and Speak Gulf Station and the College Inn were popular hangouts for students at nearby Athens College and for World War II veterans. They have been meticulously restored by city workers, and are home to a hands-on children's museum and the offices of Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful.

Danny Dunn, Carolene Wu and Beverly Curry of Redstone Arsenal Cultural Resources Management Program were cited for excellence in the creation of a cultural resources management plan for Redstone Arsenal that has won national praise for its scholarship and comprehensiveness.

The Inzer House Museum Board, Inc., received the Alabama Historical Commission's Roy Swayze Award for excellence in restoration of the 1852 Greek Revival Home of Lt. Col. and Judge John Washington Inzer in Ashville. The museum is now open, staffed with volunteers, and is a major tourist attraction in the county. The Roy Swayze Award recognizes preservation projects that achieve the highest standards for accuracy and craftsmanship.

Dora Finley received the Black Heritage Council's Idella Childs Distinguished Service Award for her leadership in creating Mobile's Black Heritage Trail. This 37-site tour uses markers, brochures, audio materials and public transportation routes to explore Mobile's rich and complex African American legacy. Black Heritage Council Chair Frazine Taylor and State Representative Joseph Mitchell joined Congressman Bonner in presenting the award.

According to White, this year's conference **Historic Preservation: The Original Green** (www.preserveala.org) promoted awareness that historic preservation is inherently energy efficient.

Architect Joseph Smith from Madison, Georgia, led **Inherently Green and Intentionally Greener**, a historic homeowner workshop teaching why historic homes are energy efficient and how owners can make them more so.

Architect John Williams from Seattle, Washington gave the keynote address "**Saving Historic Resources Sustains Communities**" and led an afternoon workshop on how to use "Green" techniques to rehab historic buildings without destroying their character.

The Alabama Preservation Conference is held annually by the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Black Heritage Council.

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